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(54) Title: MICROELECTROMECHANICAL DEVICES USEFUL FOR MANIPULATING CELLS OR EMBRYOS, KITS THEREOF, METHODS OF MAKING SAME, AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF <div data-bbox="475 1176 751 1438" data-label="Image"> </div> (57) Abstract <p>The present invention relates generally to microelectromechanical systems (MEMS) devices for the manipulation of cells or groups of cells, such as oocytes, embryos, and sperm. In particular, the present invention relates to Cell Labeling MEMS devices (2F), Microinjection MEMS devices, IntraCytoplasmic Sperm Injection ("ICSI") MEMS devices, Zona Coring MEMS devices, Enucleation MEMS devices, Enucleation/Nuclear Transfer MEMS devices, and Cytoplasmic Transfer MEMS devices. The present invention also relates to kits containing the MEMS devices of the present invention.</p>		